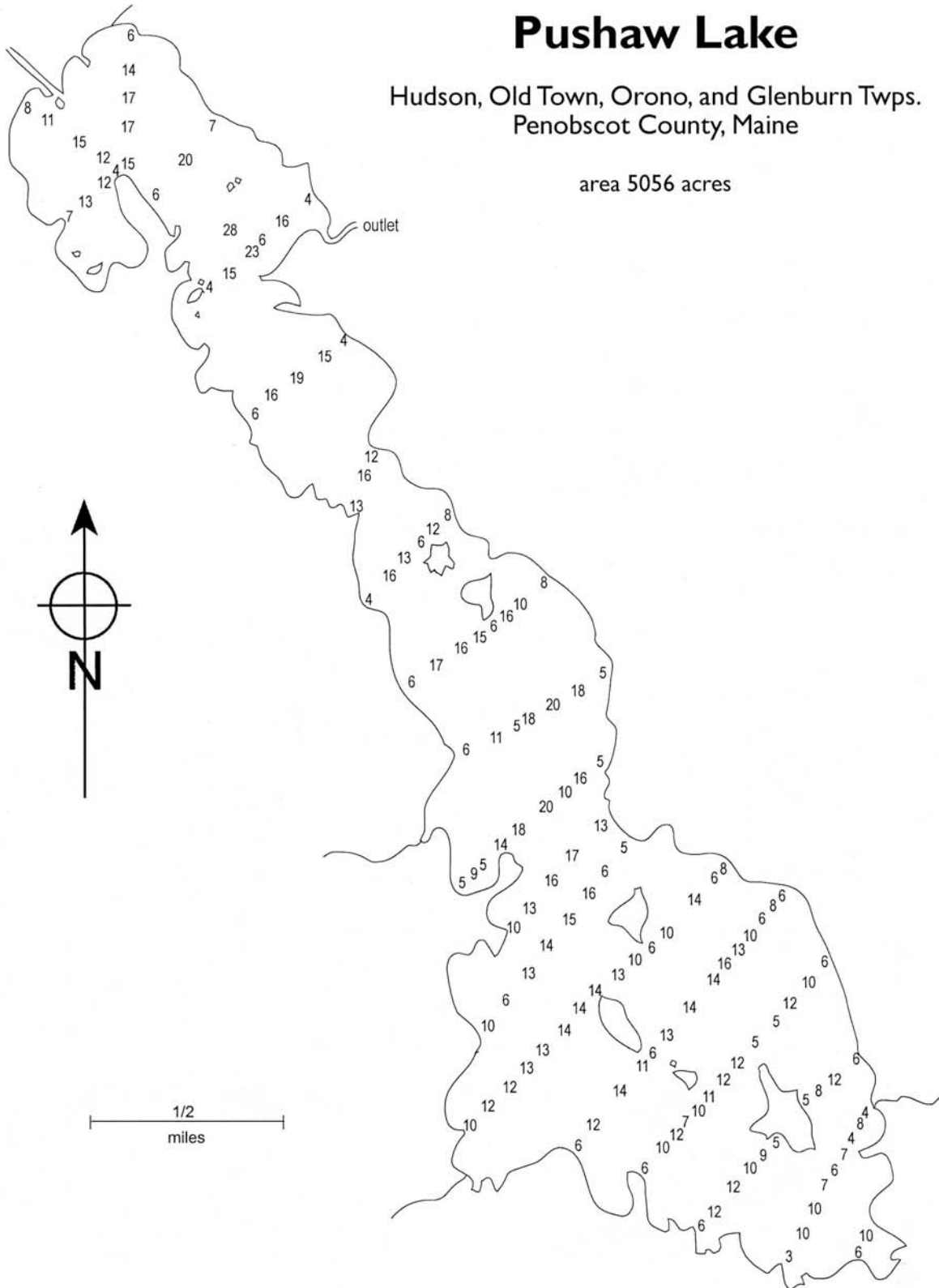


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U.S.G.S. Bangor, Me (7½')

Fishes

Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch	Burbot (cusk)
Chain pickerel	Redbreast sunfish
Minnows	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Golden shiner	Sea run alewife
Common shiner	
Fallfish	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 5056 acres

Maximum depth - 28 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F

27 feet - 67°F

Principal fisheries: Smallmouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

Pushaw Lake is a large, relatively shallow warm water lake. The lake has an extensive shoreline that varies from steep and rocky to low and swampy. The majority of the shoreline is heavily populated with homes and camps. There are 6 large islands and several smaller ones. Although the lake is about 7 ½ miles long, both the inlet and outlet are located at the northern end and are about 1 ½ miles apart. This situation does not allow for adequate water flow through the lake. This combined with extensive areas of swampy shoreline results in a high organic content and dark coloration of the water.

Water quality is fine for supporting warmwater fishes. Water in the deeper areas may remain cool, however it quickly loses all oxygen during the summer months. The lake is best suited for management of warmwater species and stocking is not recommended.

The marshy, swampy, shoreline is not suitable for bass spawning area, or habitat. There is a lack of structure along most of the shoreline. Structure would improve bass spawning success. Bass would benefit from the harvesting of the perch, sunfish and pickerel population. Bass tapeworm was found to be present around 1980.

Public access to Pushaw is available at several sites. One of the better sites is Cunningham Landing that is located off Essex Street in Orono. This is 2-wheel drive well maintained boat launch with parking.

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